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TATTERSALLS CLUB NEW YEAR RACE DAY



Tattersalls Club New Years Raceday was held at Royal Randwick on Monday 2nd January 2006.

Tattersalls Club members and their guests had a fantastic line up of racing to enjoy, with lunch in the Galaxy Room fully booked and for those of us wishing to be slightly closer to the on track action, our new Tattersalls Club reserved section on the lawn adjoining the track and the mounting enclosure was a great place to be once the weather cleared in the early afternoon.

The Tattersalls Club Cup was the feature race of the day – this race was first run in 1868 over two miles and today carries Listed race status and is run over 2,000 metres. The Bede Murray trained Vanquished, with jockey Glen Boss aboard, came from well back in the field to go head to

head in the straight with Juerga and hit the line the better of the two to win over Juerga and Lake Susannah with Seul Amour (part owned by Tattersalls Club member Max Whitby) fourth.

Tattersalls Club members were also represented in the Listed Carrington Stakes (1,100m) - Anthony Cummings training Dane Again and Charles Plumridge part owner of Cooder. The top weight Presently was attempting to make it back to back wins in this prestigious race, however the Gwenda Markwell trained Bold Matador had a comprehensive win to set a race record (1.03.05 – last 600m in 34.40) and take the race over Majestic Feeling and Mindreader.

Other winners on the day were Churchill Downs in the Listed Widden Stakes, Frazzle Dazzle (winning over Tattersalls Club member John

Ingham's horse, Tin Pan, second), Martiniforus, Chaud Roche, Chess Record and Silent Song.

The Tattersalls Club racing colours were not seen on the day, but a reminder to all members who own racehorses that the Tattersalls Club racing colours are available for you to use – please contact Mark Bartrop for details.

Tattersalls Club holds two racedays each year – the New Years Raceday and the first race meeting in September to signal the commencement of the spring racing season. As they say in the classics... see you in the Spring! In the meantime, enjoy your racing!

Please send your comments and ideas to the Racing Committee via email to: racing@tattersallsclub.org or in writing via the office.

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Mark Bartrop
Tattersalls Secretary

The 2006 year is certainly shaping up as an interesting one in the history of the Club. At the Special General Meetings held late last year Members were very vocal in requesting the Committee and management to prepare a future business strategy for the Club.

The process of preparing a future business strategy was commenced earlier in 2005 and it is pleasing to see that the members are eager to move the process forward. Once the final drafts have been prepared, including ideas raised by members at the Special General Meetings, members will be given the opportunity to provide feedback at special information nights. As Members would realise this process must be open and transparent and the culmination of the above timeline would be the Committee and management providing members with a future plan for Tattersalls Club showing its return to sustainable profitability.

The Tattersalls Food & Wine Club will be holding a Dinner on the 23rd March, the wine on the night will be based round the finest sparkling, white and Pinot Noirs that New Zealand can offer. The food as always will be superbly prepared by Executive Chef, Simon Flanders, at only \$75 a head this is a night well worth attending. Contact the office to make a reservation.

The Tattersalls Race Day at Randwick on 2nd January was a great success, the feature race of the day was the Carrington Stakes won by Bold Matador. Many members commented that the new format of having the sit down lunch in the AJC members dining room was a winner.

I look forward to seeing all members around the Club.



Russell Debney

Chairman's Message and Invitation

Welcome back to Tattersalls Club for 2006. It seems that many of us chose this year to combine a leisurely start to the working year with the traditional Sydney test match. On each of the days that I deserted the office for the cricket, via a swim at the Club, I was surprised to see how many members were using the Club at what is usually a quiet time.

This is an important year for Tattersalls Club. We are still dependent on our external loan facilities and our new bankers, the NAB, have asked us to provide them, in the second half of the year, with our future plans for Tattersalls Club showing its return to sustainable profitability. Many of the ideas raised by members at the special meetings late last year are presently being tested. There will be a number of further opportunities in the first half of this year for members to obtain feedback, to participate in the discussion and to be fully informed of progress.

The new bank facilities replace those previously provided by the ANZ.

We are off to a good start in this process. Early figures for the Club's

trading results for last year show a pleasing improvement in our performance and that has been obtained without the benefit of the increased subscription income that will occur this year following the increase in subscriptions. Of course that is, and will be, dependent on membership recruitment and renewals being on target. So far they are and I would encourage members who have not yet renewed, to do so early. To those who have already done so, I extend our thanks.

The start of the New Year, as always, is the best time to review our priorities for the year. If fitness and good health is one of your goals, then get yourself down to the Athletic Department for a chat with Brad and our wonderful group of trainers. Brad can also tell you about how easy it is to get involved with the various sub-groups ranging from swimming, cycling, running and skiing, through to billiards and snooker - and even fine dining and dining. To do your own thing at the Club is great, but to do it in the company of other members is especially rewarding and part of the balance in life we strive for.



Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members' bar.

TATTERSALLS FOOD AND WINE DINNER 23rd MARCH 2006

Members will recall that in an edition of the Club newsletter published towards the end of last year I reported in glowing terms about the food and wine club dinner held on the 25th August 2005. Those members who had the foresight and wisdom to attend would undoubtedly have shared my comments.

Your food and wine club committee has in conjunction with Renata Barthel and Executive Chef Simon Flanders got together again to create another one of these sensational dinners.

For this event Simon has put together a superb three-course meal with a

late Sydney Summer theme. For the wines we have decided to explore the finest from the land of the long white cloud and your taste buds will be treated to some of the finest sparkling, white wines and Pinot Noirs that New Zealand can offer.

The club brasserie offers the perfect forum for this style of event, large enough for a reasonable number but retaining that desirable degree of intimacy. Instead of having a dinner party at home with all of the hard work associated bring your friends along to the club for an evening that will be just superb.

At \$75.00 per head these dinners represent the best value for fine dining in Sydney that can be obtained. As I have said before, you

are doing yourself a disservice by not experiencing first hand what your club can provide in the area of haute cuisine.

I am today booking a table for 10 so I suggest that you get moving to secure your own reservations. Thoroughly recommended.

Stephen O'Halloran
Tattersalls Wine and Food Club

VALE

Racing lost a colourful enthusiast with the passing of Tattersalls Club member Kerry Packer a few days before our raceday and all members will no doubt be saddened by the occasion. Kerry Packer joined Tattersalls Club in 1961.

On the first night of the last Ashes cricket test a Snooker Night Tournament was held on Thursday 8 September 2005. It was well attended and as well as snooker involved cross-training being smoking cigars, eating the Club's excellent beef, sampling the Club's excellent wines, and poker playing. Kaz Pociask was the eventual winner over John Simpson. John, of course, complained about Kaz's handicap, and suggested there should be an urgent review by the handicapper in this regard. The handicapper, of course, is Kaz and while he denies that he approaches snooker as a blood sport, John Simpson suggests that he will play the next game with a necklace of garlic, sprinkled in holy water and he insists that it be in sunlight.

A titanic struggle ensued between good friends Trigger Woollard and Bill Henneberry, with Trigger eventually the winner after more sledging than you would find in the Olympic Luge Event.

The poker was clouded by the fact that the cigar smoke was so thick, making it very difficult to identify the true value of the hands, but unlike the Australian cricketers who elected to take the light all players decided to continue. The ashes of the cigars remained in the trays provided by the Club while the real Ashes were won by the English cricket side.

Ian Cullen had unusual success winning his first round and beating John Stewart in the second round. Ian's credo ever since his being a member of the Sydney High Cadet Corps has been 'Make Love and War', which does not sit well with Greg Mison, who living next to the ocean is of course a Pacificist (sic).

Scott Hall-Johnson had to call upon all his snooker ability to get to the second round and you can gain some idea about the level of that ability if you look at the draw and find that he had a bye in round one.

The last Snooker Night of the year was held on Thursday, 8 December 2005 and was won by John Joyce who defeated Frank Galanos. John couldn't believe that he won, saying afterwards that he was going to donate his body to science – fiction. For those who made an early exit from the Tournament, there was a Tournament of Texas Hold'em Poker and a Cigar Smoking Contest. At one stage, the smoke was so thick that the Jack of Spades was seen to blink. In the Snooker Calcutta, Michael Bradstreet has reached the round of eighth, beating Greg Mison. Eddie Crane and his brother Robert are in the finals of the Doubles Championships Snooker. Among others who remain in the Calcutta are Adrian Abbott, Anthony Cummings, Kaz Pociask and Jay

Bacon whose great-grandfather wrote the plays attributed to Shakespeare.

See you all in the New Year.

Chalky

SNOOKER, POKER, CIGARS...

All members with an interest in any of the above are invited to play in the monthly Snooker Challenge nights – the next one is on Thursday 9th February 2006.

We meet in the Walter Lindrum Snooker and Billiards Room from 6.00pm for a pre match drink and then play a knockout tournament of snooker, during which we break for dinner in the brasserie, and then back to finish the snooker, start the poker, enjoy the cigars and have a few more drinks.

Snooker is handicapped making it suitable for players at all levels & there are prizes for the winner & runner up, as well as points for the annual Challenge Ladder tournament. Bring your own cigars or purchase one from the club humidor in the members bar.

Cost charged to your house account is \$60 – includes snooker, dinner and drinks.

If you would like to come along or find out more, please send an e-mail to snooker@tattersallsclub.org or leave a message with the office and we will contact you.

TATTERSALLS FOOD AND WINE DINNER

Wine is taking over from the All Blacks as New Zealand's greatest export.

On Thursday 23rd March Tattersalls Food & Wine Club will be offering Members the opportunity to try some of the finest sparkling, white and pinot noirs the kiwis have to offer.

The selection of wines will be complemented by Executive Chef Simon Flanders magnificent 3 course meal

Book early – \$75 per person, seats are limited

**Contact the office on 9264 6111
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Upcoming Events

February Super 14 every Friday night in the Member' Bar.

March 3rd Boardriders Bendalong Weekend away.

March 23rd Food and Wine Dinner.



Bob Lowe presents cheque to Aimee Mason from Camp Quality. L to R: Andrew Wily, Secretary/Treasurer Lizard Island GFC Inc; Fleur Evans, Membership Secretary Lizard Island GFC; Bob Lowe, President & Tattersalls Club member; Aimee Mason, Project Manager Camp Quality; Dr. Warwick Mackay, fundraiser for Camp Quality; Denby Browning, Riviera group.

LIZARD ISLAND FISHING SUPPORTS CAMP QUALITY

Children's cancer charity Camp Quality will benefit from a \$5,000 donation thanks to the generosity of anglers who participated in the Riviera 19th Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic in October.

The money was raised during the week-long Riviera Classic, which sees anglers fish along the famous Ribbon Reefs of the Great Barrier Reef, which is the only known breeding grounds in the world for black marlin.

Camp Quality is a non-profit organisation that brings hope and happiness to children living with cancer by staging up to 125 recreational camps a year for the kids and their families.

President of the Lizard Island Game Fishing Club, and Tattersalls Club member Bob Lowe, said, "We are really excited to be involved in such a worthy cause and hope this donation will assist in bringing a little more joy to the lives of the children.

"Charities such as Camp Quality need all the assistance they can get to continue providing such a fantastic service to kids in need.

"Game fishers and their clubs have had an ongoing association with Camp Quality over the past few years and this support will continue."

Camp Quality CEO Simon Rountree said the organisation focuses on providing kids with a bright, positive and happy experience during a difficult time in their lives.

"The camps and activity days aim to take their mind off the illness and lets them focus on being a child again," he said.

He said the organisation relies completely on corporate and

community donations, so they are very grateful for the support shown by the Lizard Island Game Fish Club.

"Without donations such as this, we would never be able to organise the camps and activities which mean so much to the kids," he said.

The cheque was handed over during a function at the Tattersalls Club in Elizabeth Street on Thursday, December 8 at 12:30pm.

How to Murder a \$3000 Suit

It happens now and then. Gentleman walks into V.M. wearing a costly, famous-name suit and an unhappy expression. He says he bought this well-bred suit at wherever, but there's something not quite right.

Yes, he's taken it back to the shop and they've done something but he's still not happy.

Peter and Arthur and Tony the wizard needleman, consult, put the finger on what's wrong and fix it.

The actual trouble is almost always that the suit simply wasn't correctly fitted in the first place.

Suit-fitting is the learned business of experts. It perfects or murders the look of a fine suit.



Vince Maloney on the park

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